

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph [02] of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

This patent application is related to a series of other patent applications simultaneously filed with the present application on November 20, 2003. Those other patent applications include U.S. Patent Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ 10/716,476 entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR TOUR OPTIMIZATION" and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ 10/716,477 entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR TOUR PLANNING." This patent application and the noted other patent applications have common inventors and are assigned to a common entity.